

Freedom Convoy 2022

Neighborhood Enforcement Operation

Situation

The Freedom Convoy 2022 arrived in Ottawa on 28th of January 2022 with participants driving their trucks from all points across the country. The main demonstration was scheduled for the 29th and 30th of January and several truck operators returned home however there remains a large contingent of operators congesting many streets in the downtown core. These truckers vow to remain in place until Covid mandates are lifted across the entire country.

Truck congestion is greatest in the following areas:

- Wellington Kent to Elgin S/B
- Wellington/SJAM from Booth to the Nepean Bay Bridge
- Wellington at Bay to Lyon
- King Edward from Murray to Rideau
- Metcalfe from Lisgar to Albert
- Bank from Laurier to Albert
- Kent from Somerset to Albert

Many roads remain congested but the above have resulted in full closures of:

- Wellington/SJAM from Portage Bridge to Sussex
- Kent from Somerset to Wellington

There are trucks parked in other areas, but they have less impact on regular flow of traffic.

The protest actions were to be directed at the Federal Government however they had absolutely no impact on the MPs returning to the House of Commons on the 31st. Furthermore, most federal employees continue to work virtually, and government operations remain intact.

The only impacts the demonstrators have actually had is on local residents and businesses with little to no affiliation or influence on the federal government.

While organizers and participants advise that the demonstration is peaceful, there have been a number of issues reported in the media and to the police including:

- Charges related to an offensive weapons investigation
- Charges related to uttering threats
- Charges related to property damage
- Desecration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Harassment of Shepherds of Good Hope to supply food
- 25 outstanding criminal investigations
- Harassment of homeless
- Ongoing noise complaints (truckers blaring horns and music throughout the day and night)

- Public urination and defecation
- Overcrowding and harassment of mall owners resulting in the closure of the Rideau Centre from 2-6 FEB
- Harassment of residents at grocery stores by mask less protesters
- General obstruction of roadways for the lawful use by residents

Mission

To provide a constant and heavy police presence in the area of CentreTown and the Market and the all the impacted neighborhoods in order to reduce crime and fear of crime and improve the perception of safety as well as the quality of life within the impacted areas

Execution

Police Approach

Police officers will be assigned to the downtown core in an attempt to end all unlawful behavior by the protesters or any other person engaged in illegal activities.

Officers will be directed to use their discretion sparingly and only in extreme cases.

Area of Operations

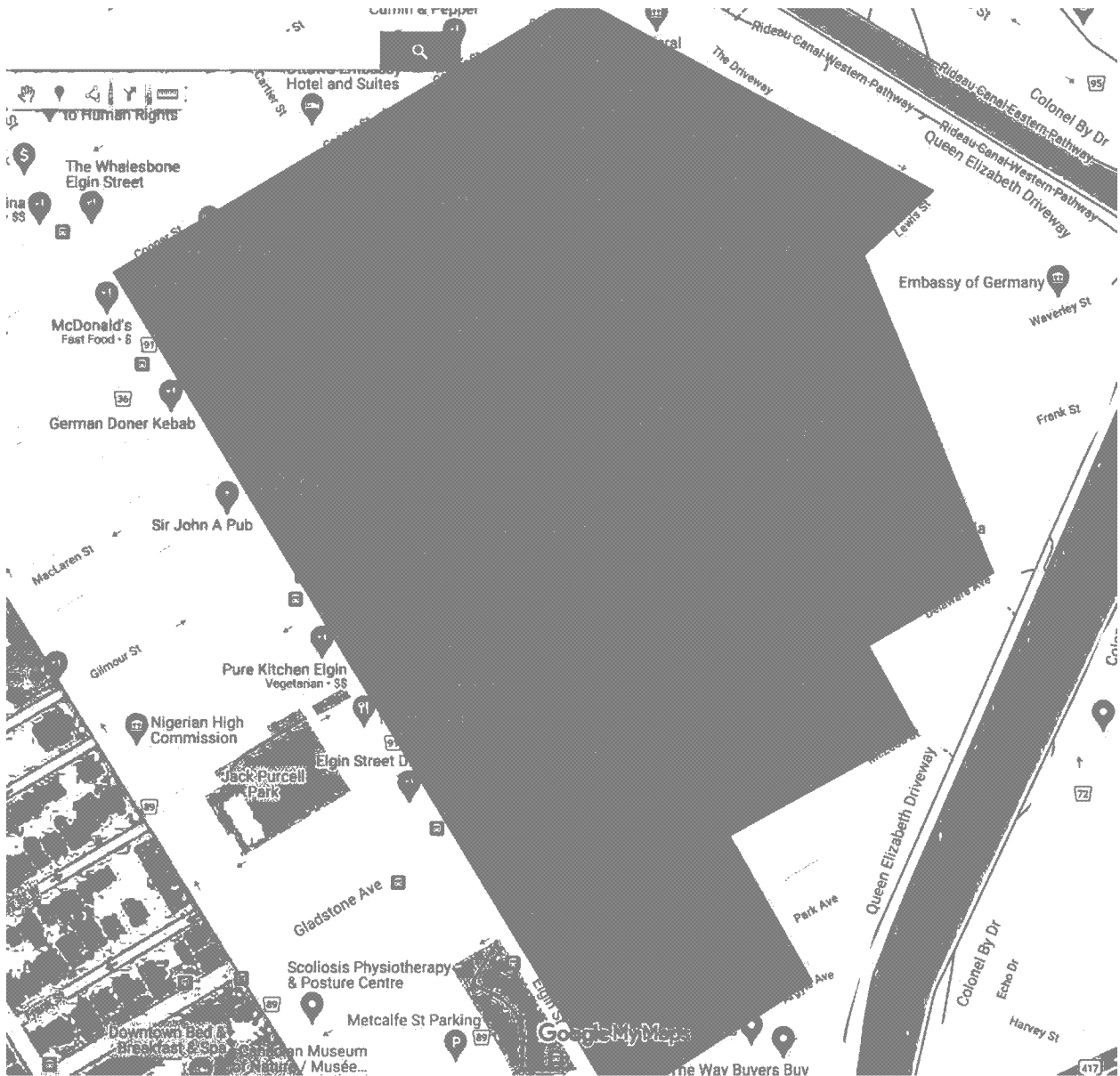
Activities in outlying urban areas will be the responsibility of FLD and Traffic resources.

The area of operation for this plan will include Centertown including the Golden Triangle, Bronson Ave to QED and Catherine St to Wellington St along with SJAM. The area will also include the Market, mainly Colonel By Dr to King Edward Ave and Mann Ave to Boteler St. As enforcement activities increase, there is the possibility that the protesters will migrate away from the area of operations in this plan. The plan may expand to include those areas in that.

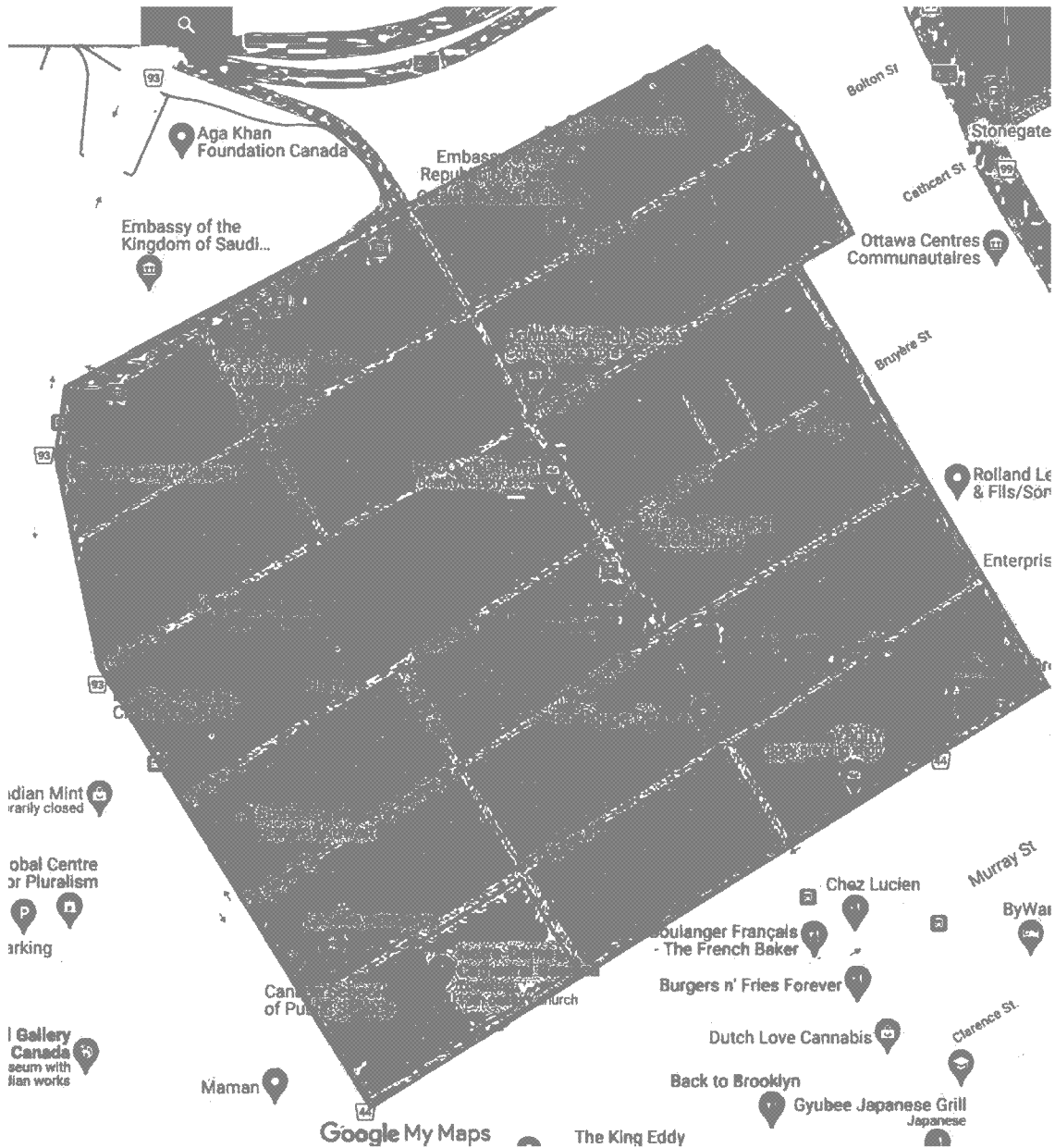
The area of operations will be divided into four distinct areas, each area will be patrolled by the designated officers. The area of operations will be restricted to those neighborhoods where protestors congregate whether it be the location of truck congestion, or areas where they have migrated on foot.



Zone 2 will be The Golden Triangle, all areas east of Elgin St, South of Cooper St, and bound by the Queen Elizabeth Driveway.



Zone 3 will be the Lowertown. It will bound by Boteler St in the North, Cumberland St in the East, Sussex Drive to the west and St Patrick St to the south.



Zone 4 will be the Sandy Hill area. It will be bound by Laurier Ave in the North, Range road in the East, King Edward Ave in the West and Mann Ave in the South.



Staffing

Staffing the operations under this plan will fall to members of FLD who will have their days-off cancelled for 04-06 February 2022.

Deployment Model

Members will deploy in pairs and will remain in close communications with the team lead. Members will keep the team lead aware of all activities including rest breaks.

Operational Period

Members assigned to this plan will follow their regular rotation (Day shift, Afternoon shift, Night shift and Fixed shift). This will provide ample coverage in the Downtown core and impacted neighborhoods.

Statistics

At the end of each shift, the Team Lead will be responsible for collecting enforcement and activity statistics from all members assigned to him/her and reporting them to the Command Centre

Administration

Overtime

Officers will submit their overtime claims to their respective Patrol Supervisor using:

Approval Authority #20305 (A/Supt Burnett)

Project code: CONVOY

Cost Centre: 124167

Transportation

Beginning on Saturday the 5th of February members will report for duty at the staging area located at 101 Centre Point Dr, commonly known as Ben Franklin Place. Members will then be transported to their respective neighborhoods for deployment.

Assignments

Members will be provided their assignments at the staging area.

Down areas

Buses will remain in the assigned zone for officers to return for warmth.

Meals

Will be provided.

Portable Radios

Members will be assigned radios prior to being deployed

Marked Police Vehicles

4 Marked Police cruisers are being assigned to this plan, and will be allocated to each zone and can be used for issuing **RE**'s

Provincial Offence Notices:

The Ottawa Police Service recognizes that the ability to exercise discretion is fundamentally necessary for effective policing, the exercise of police discretion is not limitless, and we must justify the decision to exercise discretion rationally on a subjective and objective basis. Officers will require **RE** **RED** and be expected to enforce the HTA, LLCA and Criminal Code. Arrangements are being made to have extra books at Ben Franklin Place.

Communication/Command and Control

Communication

All members deployed under this plan will use Special 3 as the Operational Channel. A dedicated dispatcher is assigned to monitor and provide emergency support.

Call Signs

Day shift: 4000's / Afternoon shift: 4100's / Night shift: 4200's

Command and Control

The team leads for each area is as indicated in the chart below.

Zone	0600-1600 Day	1300-2300 Afternoon	2100-0700 Night
1			
2			
3			
4			

Appendix – List of Potential Charges

Offence	Official short form Wording	Statute	Section	Fine	Surcharge	Total Fine
Unnecessary noise on a highway	Unnecessary noise	HTA	75(4)	\$85	\$25	\$110
A person having the control of a motor vehicle shall not sound any, bell, horn or other signaling device so as to make an unreasonable noise, and a driver of any motor vehicle shall not permit any unreasonable amount of smoke to escape from the motor vehicle, nor shall the driver at any time cause the motor vehicle to make any unnecessary noise, but this subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle of a municipal fire department while proceeding to a fire or answering a fire alarm call.						
Blocking intersections	Operate vehicle – fail to clear intersection	BY-LAW 2017-301	64(1)	\$100	\$25	\$125
	Fail to park – off roadway	HTA	170(1)(a)	\$25	\$0	\$25
Authority to Tow - No person shall park, stand or stop a vehicle on a roadway, (a) when it is practicable to park, stand or stop the vehicle off the roadway						
Littering highway	Litter Highway	HTA	180	\$85	\$25	\$110
Everyone who throws or deposits or causes to be deposited any glass, nails, tacks or scraps of metal or any rubbish, refuse, waste or litter upon, along or adjacent to a highway, except in receptacles provided for the purpose, is guilty of the offence of littering the highway						
Excessive smoke	Unnecessary noise	HTA	75(4)	\$85	\$25	\$110
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Trespass to property (fail to leave)	Fail to leave premises when directed	TPA	2(1)(b)	\$50	\$15	\$65
Prohibitive activity on property	Engage in prohibited activity on premises	TPA	2(1)(a)(ii)	\$50	\$15	\$65
Open Liquor public place	Having liquor in open container in unauthorized place	LLCA	41(1)	\$100	\$25	\$125
Consume alcohol	Consuming liquor in unauthorized place	LLCA	41(1)	\$100	\$25	\$125
Public intox	Being intoxicated in public place	LLCA	31(1)(a)	\$50	\$15	\$65
Care and control open liquor	Having care or control of a motor vehicle with unsealed container of liquor	LLCA	42(1)(a)	\$175	\$40	\$215
	Having care or control of a motor vehicle with liquor readily available		42(1)(b)	\$150	\$30	\$180

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